










Office of Public Instruction

Career and Technical Education Division

As career opportunities change, Montana's schools must also prepare students for real jobs in the real world. The Career and Technical Education (CTE) unit helps create an educated Montana workforce by supporting education programs in agriculture, business, family and consumer sciences, health occupations, industrial technology, and marketing. There are 166 Montana high schools (99%) that provide CTE programs. The division's functions include:

-  Assisting with curriculum development for CTE programs;
-  Planning and providing professional development support for CTE teachers to ensure Montana's programs have current educational content;
-  Communicating with schools concerning state and federal Career and Vocational/Technical Education funding;
-  Monitoring federal Carl Perkins and state CTE programs and expenditures;
-  Maintaining current CTE instructor databases for assistance with recruitment and retention of teachers;
-  Developing and updating Standards and Guidelines for CTE;
-  Creating partnerships for CTE programs with business and industry associations and the public; and
-  Serving as State Advisor for CTE Student Organizations.
-  Montana Career and Technical Education Facts (2003-04 data):
 - Agriculture Education—78 programs serve 4,638 students; 72 FFA chapters - 2,540 members
 - Business/Marketing Education—164 programs serve 14,359 students; 76 Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapters - 1,167 members; 13 DECA (An Association of Marketing Students) chapters - 295 members;
 - Family and Consumer Sciences Education—115 programs serve 9,020 students; 68 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapters - 1,215 members;
 - Industrial Technology Education—134 programs serve 13,646 students; 31 SkillsUSA chapters - 442 members; nine Technology Student Association (TSA) chapters - 96 members;
 - Health Occupations Education—five programs serve 212 students; five Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) chapters - 133 members.